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This Bulletin, issued by the Acting Commonwealth Statistician, shows the monthly factory production in Victoria of certain commodities. For the purpose of the accompanying statistics a "factory" is defined as an industrial establishment in which four or more hands are employed or in which power other than hand is used. Monthly averages for the years 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52 and 1952-53 and monthly production for April to June, 1952 and 1953 are shown.

Many of the items included here are shown in greater detail in other publications of the Bureau.

Figures of the production of each of the commodities listed are given up to the latest available month. Figures up to 1950-51 inclusive are taken from the Government Statist's annual factory returns wherever possible. It should be noted that in some cases annual returns are accepted from factories for periods other than those ending on June 30th, each year.

The scope of the Bulletin will be widened from time to time to include new information as it becomes available.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Statistics of the following items are collected by the Authorities shown. All other items are collected by the Commonwealth or State Statistician.

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| Superphosphate | Commonwealth Department of Commerce and Agriculture. |
| Black Coal | Joint Coal Board. |
| Gold | State Department of Mines |
| Beer | Commonwealth Department of Trade and Customs. |
| Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes | |
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| Sawn Native Timber | Forestry and Timber Bureau. |

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| Commodity | Unit | Monthly Averages | | | | Monthly Production | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | Year | | | | 1952 | | | 1953 | | |
| | | 1949-50 | 1950-51 | 1951-52 | 1952-53 | April | May | June | April | May | June |
| FUEL: Briquettes | ton | 49,047 | 42,617 | 47,354 | 45,422 | 46,652 | 49,047 | 45,710 | 44,881 | 54,955 | 45,933 |
| Black Coal | " | 10,762 | 10,430 | 12,500 | | 11,500 | 11,800 | 12,000 | 8,558 | 12,759 | |
| Brown Coal | " | 636,410 | 608,347 | 674,995 | 675,113 | 645,501 | 697,288 | 680,436 | 679,750 | 756,887 | 711,322 |
| HEAT, LIGHT & POWER: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Gas made in Gasworks | mill.cub.ft. | 896 | 954 | 1,035 | 1,100 | 989 | 1,134 | 1,155 | 1,030 | 1,200 | 1,260 |
| Total Electricity Generated | mill.k.w.h. | 226 | 240 | 244 | 264 | 227 | 256 | 260 | 261 | 297 | 307 |
| BUILDING MATERIALS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clay Bricks | '000 | 12,240 | 14,880 | 13,560 | 13,544 | 11,469 | 15,895 | 12,871 | 14,800 | *14,850 | 15,108 |
| Fibrous Plaster Sheets (a) | '000 sq.yds. | 504 | 551 | 545 | 502 | 511 | 562 | 515 | 482 | 499 | 493 |
| Roofing Tiles - Cement | '000 | 1,595 | 1,894 | 1,941 | 1,363 | 1,775 | 2,034 | 1,839 | 1,351 | 960 | 1,358 |
| Terra Cotta | " | 1,023 | 1,025 | 1,039 | 1,212 | 1,017 | 1,122 | 1,121 | 1,252 | 1,188 | 1,275 |
| SAWN NATIVE TIMBER: | '000 sup.feet | 25,733 | 27,470 | 27,479 | 23,547 | 25,044 | 30,095 | 26,644 | 22,756 | 25,624 | 26,378 |
| CHEMICALS & ALLIED PRODUCTS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paints - Ready Mixed Paint | gal. | 100,095 | 121,956 | 118,847 | 97,965 | 109,748 | 110,539 | 86,089 | 127,610 | 123,036 | 106,579 |
| Lacquers (Nitro-Cell) | " | 20,996 | 27,146 | 23,355 | 17,476 | 19,495 | 16,792 | 18,439 | 19,806 | 20,531 | 17,996 |
| Thinners for Lacquers | " | 30,603 | 37,738 | 39,395 | 37,487 | 40,317 | 36,788 | 26,901 | 43,307 | 44,010 | 42,282 |
| Enamels (Nat. & Syn.) | " | 42,821 | 39,130 | 48,837 | 43,987 | 43,650 | 46,866 | 29,948 | 49,656 | 47,292 | 52,933 |
| Water Paints | '000 lb. | 117 | 118 | 153 | 377 | 117 | 140 | 124 | 584 | 468 | 563 |
| Soap - Household | cwt. | 16,745 | 18,589 | 19,193 | 16,823 | 20,040 | 19,708 | 16,887 | .. | 16,587 | 16,439 |
| Toilet & Hand | " | 3,798 | 4,650 | 4,480 | 3,748 | 5,019 | 4,639 | 2,648 | 2,648 | 2,610 | 3,898 |
| Flakes & Chips | " | 1,715 | 2,763 | 2,308 | 2,528 | 2,347 | * 1,966 | 2,898 | 3,168 | 3,164 | 2,305 |
| Industrial | " | 2,523 | 5,268 | 3,132 | 2,726 | 2,439 | 2,459 | 2,971 | 3,846 | 3,519 | 3,091 |
| Sand | " | 750 | 1,120 | 983 | 661 | 844 | 845 | 676 | 750 | 721 | 820 |
| Soft | " | 522 | 650 | 612 | 568 | 543 | 602 | 514 | 552 | 450 | 793 |
| Liquid | " | 1,369 | 2,333 | 2,559 | 2,469 | 2,559 | 2,695 | 1,932 | 2,851 | 2,739 | 2,395 |
| Extracts & Powders | " | 22,265 | 25,782 | 32,451 | 30,883 | 31,256 | 37,261 | 28,821 | 34,988 | 34,243 | 28,200 |
| Superphosphate | ton | 52,069 | 51,257 | 52,752 | 47,616 | 62,105 | 44,972 | 45,794 | 58,108 | 56,191 | 69,450 |
| Sulphuric Acid (100%) | " | 19,836 | 20,165 | 20,480 | 18,538 | 23,369 | 19,831 | 15,872 | 20,775 | 21,869 | 23,404 |
| METALS:- Gold (Mine Production) | fine oz. | 5,532 | 5,809 | 5,302 | 5,812 | 4,966 | 5,506 | 6,392 | 6,412 | 4,913 | 5,288 |
| PERAMBULATORS: (Inc. Pushers & Strollers) | number | 4,051 | 4,577 | 3,296 | 3,823 | 2,713 | 3,399 | 3,079 | 4,108 | 4,739 | 3,267 |
| MATTRESSES: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Woven Wire, Link Mesh & Spring (b) | " | 5,694 | 6,158 | 7,794 | 7,659 | 7,070 | 8,254 | 7,633 | 9,080 | 8,472 | 7,506 |
| Inner Spring | " | 5,115 | 6,619 | 7,649 | 9,384 | 7,454 | 8,812 | 6,403 | 10,196 | 9,078 | 8,353 |
| Soft Filled & Other | " | 9,974 | 10,950 | 8,337 | 7,343 | 7,669 | 8,941 | 6,365 | 7,549 | 7,535 | 6,895 |

(a) Factory production only.

(b) Figures prior to 1951-52 do not include mattresses made and incorporated in stretchers and folding beds.

| Commodity | Unit | Monthly Averages | | | | Monthly Production | | | | | |
|--|--------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|
| | | Year | | | | 1952 | | | 1953 | | |
| | | 1949-50 | 1950-51 | 1951-52 | 1952-53 | April | May | June | April | May | June |
| ENGINES - Other than Marine - Petrol and Other Light Oils - 2 H.P. and under 6 H.P. | number | 383 | 379 | 371 | 360 | 397 | 446 | 315 | 337 | 334 | 362 |
| ELECTRIC MOTORS: (a) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Under 1 H.P. | " | 4,971 | 6,549 | 7,598 | 7,687 | 6,534 | 8,143 | 6,436 | 10,080 | 9,169 | 8,072 |
| 1 H.P. and under 2½ H.P. | " | 828 | 734 | 666 | 423 | 508 | 547 | 361 | 789 | 466 | 455 |
| 2½ " " " 5 H.P. | " | 429 | 371 | 311 | 167 | 227 | 319 | 229 | 94 | 179 | 221 |
| 5 " " " 10 H.P. | " | 122 | 178 | 171 | 103 | 249 | 95 | 88 | 31 | 150 | 58 |
| 10 " and over | " | 43 | 42 | 52 | 43 | 77 | 80 | 68 | 34 | 32 | 52 |
| ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Toasters (Domestic) | " | 7,370 | 6,991 | 7,355 | 6,021 | 2,443 | 2,232 | 4,044 | 6,054 | 6,932 | 4,381 |
| Hot Water Jugs (Complete) | " | 12,431 | 11,953 | 13,294 | 6,852 | 10,686 | 7,530 | 5,747 | 10,296 | 10,618 | 8,834 |
| Radios and Radiograms | " | 8,181 | 10,956 | 5,571 | 5,872 | 4,164 | 4,055 | 3,471 | 5,926 | 7,405 | 6,744 |
| Domestic Clothes Washing Machines | " | .. | 364 | 577 | 699 | 614 | 490 | 458 | 755 | 821 | 666 |
| BUILDING FITTINGS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stoves - Solid Fuel (b) | " | 1,115 | 1,360 | 1,401 | 1,094 | 1,298 | 1,460 | 1,429 | 1,091 | 1,137 | 1,042 |
| Gas (b) | " | 1,393 | 1,357 | 1,138 | 900 | 780 | 983 | 712 | 865 | 900 | 946 |
| Coppers - Gas | " | 810 | 836 | 579 | 533 | 430 | 589 | 427 | 542 | 564 | 501 |
| Electric | " | 326 | 840 | 460 | 226 | 224 | 334 | 146 | 241 | 231 | 367 |
| Bath Heaters - Solid Fuel | " | 798 | 794 | 734 | 512 | 794 | 722 | 600 | 594 | 568 | 418 |
| Gas | " | 850 | 717 | 554 | 557 | 590 | 477 | 412 | 618 | 533 | 511 |
| Electric | " | 41 | 370 | 238 | 226 | 147 | 134 | 120 | 229 | 220 | 267 |
| Sink Heaters - Electric | " | 467 | 750 | 461 | 266 | 173 | 248 | 201 | 283 | 263 | 220 |
| Sinks, Stainless Steel | " | 4,160 | 5,362 | 5,535 | 5,799 | 5,239 | 6,983 | 6,680 | 6,143 | 6,179 | 6,509 |
| PEDAL CYCLES: (made and/or assembled) | " | .. | 3,874 | 2,476 | 2,149 | 1,606 | 1,763 | 1,449 | 2,151 | 1,854 | 1,297 |
| FLOOR COVERINGS: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wool Felt & Carpets | '000 sq.yds. | 132 | 137 | 108 | 148 | 74 | 90 | 112 | 146 | 172 | 200 |

(a) Figures include all motors made and incorporated in other products of the manufacturers.

(b) Household and commercial cooking stoves in 1938-39, thereafter household cooking stoves only.

| Commodity | Unit | Monthly Averages | | | | Monthly Production | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | Year | | | | 1952 | | | 1953 | | |
| | | 1949-50 | 1950-51 | 1951-52 | 1952-53 | April | May | June | April | May | June |
| COTTON SEWING THREAD: (counts over 12) | lb. | 45,695 | 64,461 | 67,531 | 53,549 | 61,423 | 69,610 | 60,052 | 62,520 | 66,222 | 71,151 |
| COTTON TEXTILES: Cotton Tweeds | sq. yd. | 80,017 | 81,702 | 80,964 | 51,270 | 64,336 | 74,307 | 60,375 | 73,095 | 79,067 | 74,874 |
| Drills, Jeans, etc. | " | 244,296 | 220,175 | 298,874 | 285,126 | 299,233 | 316,454 | 355,542 | 330,056 | 313,953 | 420,879 |
| WOOL: Scoured and carbonised wool | '000 lb. | 5,492 | 4,679 | 3,902 | 4,059 | 3,281 | 3,835 | * 4,039 | 4,934 | 5,158 | 5,142 |
| Wool Tops | " | 1,132 | 1,100 | 839 | 861 | 410 | 482 | 568 | 1,107 | 1,181 | 1,332 |
| Yarn - Worsted | " | 1,055 | 990 | 823 | 858 | 541 | 643 | 706 | 1,116 | 1,131 | 953 |
| Woollen | " | 1,188 | 1,121 | 875 | 812 | 494 | 642 | 642 | 997 | 1,060 | 1,101 |
| WOOL TEXTILES: Woven Cloth - Worsted | '000 sq. yds. | 663 | 671 | 562 | 487 | 427 | 421 | 413 | 528 | 660 | 626 |
| Woollen | " | 826 | 702 | 558 | 590 | 359 | 368 | 309 | 820 | 774 | 661 |
| Other (a) | " | 211 | 234 | 118 | 167 | 64 | * 68 | 62 | 231 | 228 | 239 |
| Blankets | number | 89,181 | 98,667 | 66,321 | 43,537 | 51,452 | 55,578 | 49,328 | 54,304 | 60,768 | 57,490 |
| Rugs | " | 5,857 | 5,536 | 3,442 | 4,043 | 3,350 | 4,528 | 4,691 | 4,389 | 4,866 | 7,330 |
| HOSIERY: Women's, Maids' Girls' | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fully Fashioned | doz. pr. | 79,907 | 84,462 | 91,421 | 108,938 | 71,107 | 92,719 | 93,879 | 108,280 | 116,853 | 122,174 |
| Circular | " | 7,173 | 7,041 | 6,458 | 8,725 | 4,598 | 8,644 | 6,924 | 12,826 | 11,661 | 12,618 |
| Anklets | " | 23,321 | 24,391 | 18,656 | 29,057 | 10,827 | 14,660 | 15,193 | 41,487 | 37,598 | 37,163 |
| Men's & Boys' | " | 80,459 | 103,649 | 95,398 | 107,792 | 64,322 | 75,162 | 80,744 | 113,888 | 115,533 | 122,822 |
| Children's | " | 38,399 | 34,034 | 32,216 | 27,891 | 23,200 | 27,256 | 28,765 | 26,962 | 35,934 | 36,491 |
| KNITTED UNDERWEAR (b): Men's | doz. | 39,371 | 36,324 | 39,916 | 32,002 | 33,326 | 35,520 | 32,870 | 32,597 | 35,313 | 35,389 |
| Women's | " | 57,581 | 74,732 | 68,436 | 58,805 | 57,361 | 57,048 | 46,023 | 57,924 | 65,394 | 57,807 |
| Children's | " | 24,534 | 25,618 | 25,029 | 21,563 | 17,481 | 18,425 | 19,432 | 28,277 | 23,218 | 26,753 |
| FOUNDATION GARMENTS: Corsets | " | 3,581 | 4,686 | 5,713 | 5,393 | 3,166 | 4,446 | 3,907 | 5,612 | 5,732 | 6,598 |
| Corselets | " | 627 | 440 | 445 | 308 | 281 | 415 | 479 | 348 | 373 | 467 |
| Brassieres | " | 13,525 | 15,887 | 15,648 | 13,413 | 10,870 | 10,929 | 10,962 | 16,522 | 16,768 | 17,168 |
| CLOTHING (except knitted): | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shirts - Men's and Boys' | " | 25,888 | 26,585 | 29,110 | 23,564 | 23,406 | 26,930 | 26,045 | 23,538 | 22,692 | 23,387 |
| Pyjama Suits - Men's and Boys' | " | 6,496 | 5,471 | 6,454 | 5,312 | 6,512 | 7,181 | 5,408 | 8,688 | 7,578 | 4,997 |
| GLOVES (not rubber): Dress - Leather | doz. pr. | 2,268 | 1,792 | 1,099 | 1,718 | 1,178 | 1,482 | 1,513 | 1,917 | 2,258 | 1,781 |
| Other | " | 2,154 | 2,889 | 3,021 | 4,191 | 2,845 | 3,303 | 2,188 | 4,585 | 6,159 | 4,347 |
| Work | " | 1,204 | 1,209 | 1,565 | 1,231 | 1,621 | 1,692 | 1,328 | 1,368 | 1,291 | 1,317 |
| FOOTWEAR (Not rubber): Boots & Shoes | '000 pr. | 604 | 678 | 659 | 646 | 569 | 692 | 637 | 672 | 708 | 738 |
| Sandals | " | 64 | 80 | 62 | 39 | 17 | 19 | 27 | 15 | 27 | 25 |
| Slippers | " | 356 | 355 | 308 | 282 | 256 | 271 | 276 | 345 | 345 | 424 |
| FUR FELT HATS (Complete): Men's and Boys' | doz. | 3,613 | 3,420 | 2,955 | 2,284 | 1,673 | 2,515 | 2,640 | 2,299 | 2,603 | 2,480 |

(a) Includes Worsted and Woollen Mixtures and other mixtures predominantly of Wool.

(b) Made in knitting mills until June 1952. Thereafter includes underwear made from knitted piece goods.

| Commodity | Unit | Monthly Averages | | | | Monthly Production | | | | | |
|--|------------|------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | | Year | | | | 1952 | | | 1953 | | |
| | | 1949-50 | 1950-51 | 1951-52 | 1952-53 | April | May | June | April | May | June |
| FOOD, DRINK & TOBACCO: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flour (from Wheat) | short ton | 37,315 | 37,407 | 45,471 | 49,226 | 41,484 | 50,614 | 47,015 | 44,929 | 53,705 | 50,678 |
| Bran (from Wheat) | " | 7,466 | 7,259 | 9,009 | 9,334 | 7,931 | 9,855 | 9,153 | 8,518 | 10,220 | 9,380 |
| Pollard (from Wheat) | " | 7,658 | 7,424 | 9,259 | 10,515 | 8,408 | 10,262 | 9,905 | 9,857 | 11,493 | 11,019 |
| Biscuits | '000 lb. | 2,786 | 2,818 | 3,383 | 2,984 | 3,331 | 3,758 | 3,365 | 3,254 | 3,156 | 3,181 |
| Confectionery - Chocolate Basis | " | 2,666 | 2,221 | 1,898 | 1,755 | 1,583 | 2,106 | 1,926 | 2,128 | 2,364 | 2,269 |
| Other | " | 2,128 | 2,100 | 2,313 | 2,244 | 2,114 | 2,376 | 2,320 | 2,321 | 2,325 | 2,260 |
| Beef and Veal | ton | 10,384 | 11,384 | 11,392 | 10,177 | 10,799 | 11,201 | 10,482 | 10,543 | 10,954 | 11,431 |
| Lamb | " | 5,582 | 3,917 | 3,669 | 4,914 | 2,640 | 2,440 | 2,354 | 3,014 | 2,802 | 2,613 |
| Mutton | " | 6,773 | 4,670 | 5,259 | 7,689 | 4,543 | 4,832 | 4,362 | 6,223 | 5,579 | 5,312 |
| Pork | " | 554 | 633 | 717 | 583 | 735 | 661 | 581 | 592 | 551 | 558 |
| Bacon & Ham (Cured Weight) (a) | " | 661 | 659 | 632 | 678 | 643 | 628 | 596 | 678 | 641 | 563 |
| Total Meat (in terms of fresh) (a) | " | 24,401 | 21,500 | 21,895 | 24,332 | 19,499 | 19,988 | 18,590 | 21,294 | 20,758 | 20,680 |
| Butter (factory only) | " | 5,249 | 4,832 | 4,980 | 4,772 | 2,419 | 1,946 | 1,591 | 2,260 | 1,578 | 1,434 |
| Cheese (factory only) | " | 1,766 | 1,881 | 1,840 | 1,876 | 775 | 512 | 409 | 656 | 378 | 310 |
| Processed Milk Products - | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Condensed Full-Cream Milk - Sweetened | '000 lb. | 7,076 | 6,796 | 7,340 | 6,231 | 4,554 | 2,975 | 2,728 | 3,467 | 2,503 | 1,297 |
| Unsweetened | " | | | | 1,657 | | | | .. | .. | .. |
| Powdered Full-Cream Milk | " | 2,803 | 2,165 | 2,524 | 2,221 | 1,005 | 1,094 | 876 | 923 | * 946 | 1,016 |
| Other Processed Wholemilk Products (b) | " | 1,289 | 1,799 | 1,495 | 1,435 | 1,159 | 793 | 657 | 949 | 779 | 979 |
| Ice Cream | '000 gals. | 328 | 429 | 397 | 342 | 291 | 163 | 85 | 256 | 141 | 110 |
| Beer (including Waste Beer) | " | 4,143 | 4,434 | 4,728 | 5,056 | 5,003 | 4,138 | 3,303 | 5,034 | 4,821 | 5,126 |
| Oatmeal & Rolled or Crushed Oats | cwt. | 15,128 | 13,478 | 10,387 | 16,910 | 18,327 | 20,854 | 17,892 | 27,517 | 29,592 | 27,473 |
| Prepared Breakfast Foods (wheat) | " | 12,222 | 11,018 | 10,318 | 11,314 | 9,432 | 11,116 | 8,835 | 11,301 | 10,443 | 8,329 |
| Edible Starch (Maize and Wheat) | " | 7,997 | 7,799 | 7,686 | 7,053 | 8,127 | 7,898 | 8,328 | 6,565 | 7,386 | 7,487 |
| Margarine - Table | " | 1,569 | 886 | 1,222 | 1,465 | 1,245 | 1,658 | 1,739 | 952 | 981 | 767 |
| Other | " | 6,926 | 5,507 | 6,403 | 5,506 | 5,475 | 7,453 | 7,634 | 5,109 | 5,380 | 6,837 |
| Malt - Barley & Wheaten | '000 (c) | 307 | 309 | 323 | 347 | 330 | 344 | 340 | 372 | 390 | 397 |
| Jams, Conserves & Jellies (d) | '000 lb. | 5,917 | 5,848 | 4,940 | 3,401 | 3,183 | 4,204 | 2,099 | 2,156 | 2,946 | 2,114 |
| Canned Apricots, Peaches, Pears (d) | " | 7,954 | 8,511 | 9,894 | 9,273 | 24,316 | 763 | .. | 19,384 | *1,327 | .. |
| Green Peas | " | 225 | 282 | 487 | 239 | .. | - | - | .. | - | - |
| Tomatoes | " | 377 | 237 | 389 | 194 | 963 | .. | - | 328 | .. | - |
| Other Vegetables | " | 1,572 | 2,355 | 2,445 | 1,002 | 1,871 | 2,673 | 2,245 | 834 | 657 | 527 |
| Tomato Juice | '000 gals. | 34 | 13 | 88 | 101 | 675 | 4 | .. | 117 | - | - |
| Sauce | " | 136 | 130 | 129 | 111 | 156 | 78 | 84 | 104 | 60 | 57 |
| Soup | " | 176 | 206 | 265 | 154 | 560 | 209 | 213 | 223 | 17 | 104 |
| Tobacco, Cigars & Cigarettes | '000 lb. | 869 | 914 | 838 | 981 | 832 | 959 | 479 | 970 | 1,002 | 1,033 |

(a) From February, 1953 onwards, pressed and canned bacon and ham have been converted to bone-in weight.

(b) Includes Infants' and Invalids' Food. (c) Bushels of 40 lb. (d) Includes Tasmanian Production.